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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: M. ASANO et al (see attached)

For:
STORAGE OPERATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND
METHOD AND A STORAGE MANAGEMENT COMPUTER

Enclosed are:



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Sheets of Drawings



This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2003-130297 (which is hereby
filed May 8, 2003 ☒ A certified copy is attached herewith. incorporated
by reference)



Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and
☐ discussed in the specification or ☐ attached Information Disclosure Statement.



A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.



Specification: Abstract ☒, Description 41 pages; and 17 claim(s).



Preliminary Amendment.



Executed Declaration.

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